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Medina County Liberty Loan Due Next Tuesday

Next Tuesday, Oct. 15, has been designated as Medina County Liberty Day, and promises to be one of the most memorable occasions among the county's "red-letter" days.

It will be an occasion when the spirit of patriotism should radiate with warmth from every heart, exemplified by a generous response to the Fourth Liberty Loan, of which next week marks the close of the campaign.

A signal feature of the occasion will be the presence of the Great Lakes Band, a high class musical aggregation of forty-five pieces, which will arrive in Medina at 3:45 Tuesday afternoon, remaining until 9:45 in the evening.

An attraction which will be of exceptional interest will be the presence of three soldiers from French battlefields, who will march in the parade and afterwards give a demonstration of the use of gas masks, etc.

At 4 o'clock there will be a grand parade, led by Ingham's martial band. Participating in the parade will be pupils of the public schools, Boy and Girl Scouts, Home Guards, Red Cross and others, and delegations from every township in the county bearing banners with their respective quotas of the Fourth Liberty Loan and the amount of subscription to date. Another attraction, especially noteworthy for its uniqueness, will be a coterie of "farmerettes" with a tractor, reflecting the heroic work of the farm women during the perilous period of the war.

Old Glory will be in evidence from every quarter, and the air resound with minstrelsy.

The Aid societies of the various churches will provide self-serve supper from 5 to 7 o'clock in the following church buildings: Congregational, Baptist, Methodist and Christian church. The menu will be the same at all of the churches, the price will be reasonable, and the Red Cross will be the direct beneficiary.

Following its arrival in the village the Great Lakes Band will participate in the festivities of the afternoon, and will give a select concert at 8 o'clock in the evening. There will also be some speaking.

Local business houses will close at 3 o'clock and the rest of the afternoon and evening will be given over to stimulating the one big purpose underlying the occasion—the buying of Liberty Bonds until Medina's quota has vaulted over the top.

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LOCAL W. C. T. U. HOLD INTERESTING MEETING

A very interesting meeting of the Medina Woman's Christian Temperance Union was held at the Baptist church Friday afternoon, Oct. 4.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Miss Ida Hawkins, who also gave a report of the county convention. The prize essay was read by Miss Vesta Johnson, and Mrs. John Bolles of Sharon sang two solos which were greatly appreciated.

In her lecture on "Scientific Temperance in the Public Schools," Mrs. Norman Clark said:

"Each child in the schools of Ohio must be taught the truth about alcohol and tobacco. Our future voting majority are today in the public school rooms. The appeal to the child must be made through the eye, ear and hand. We should begin the teaching of the evil effects of alcohol and tobacco in the primary grades. The primary tots are so near the source of truth that they readily believe. Impressions made on the minds of the primary children are lasting ones. The story appeals to them, and in this connection, the story with a moral, teaching the evil effects of alcohol and tobacco, may be used.

"In the adolescent period the boys and girls must have the scientific knowledge. The study of nicotine will prove of interest. Tobacco is no use to any living thing except the tobacco worm, and it has something with which it throws out the nicotine. The boy who uses tobacco is like the wormy apple, which falls before its time.

"Debates are always interesting and may be used in the grammar grades. Experiments and the use of charts and drawings showing the effects of alcohol and narcotics on the different organs of the body are also methods to be used, but back of all methods and through all methods is the teacher's personality."

Mrs. Clark is the new Scientific Temperance instructor in our schools. The prize essay by Miss Vesta Johnson appears in another column of this paper.

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FAKE EYE DOCTOR

A swell-dressed and smooth-talking man, professing to be an optician, was in town this week and made a few but ineffectual attempts to get some easy money. He visited the home of Mrs. Hard on North Court, also Mrs. Stevens of the same street. At the former home he stated that he had been sent there with the understanding that she was in need of his services. He refused to give his name or the source of his information, and was summarily dismissed. At the Stevens' home he was persistent to sell a pair of glasses for \$60 with the privilege of a \$20 rebate whenever the bows might be returned, but met with the same rebuff as at the former place. Whether he visited other homes in town we have not learned.

LESS THAN THIRD OF QUOTA RAISED

Total county subscriptions to the Fourth Liberty Loan up to Thursday noon was \$473,350. The quota to be reached is \$1,325,800.

Progress is about all there is to report on the Liberty Loan situation in Medina county during the past week, but that term must not be underestimated. Medina's progress is always toward a successful end.

Spencer, of course, is already out of the race, as stated last week. Within the past week Litchfield township has followed the example of Spencer and gone over the top, reports H. L. Halliday, president of the Litchfield Patriotic club. A number of other townships are hovering around the quota mark and report that they may be expected to flop over at any time.

The work of canvassing has been conducted in such a way through the county that the banks have been unable to make a complete township report for publication this week.

While the county organization do not doubt that the county quota will be raised before the end of the campaign next week Saturday, they are profoundly alive to the fact that subscriptions have not been made thus far as rapidly and as heavily as they should be, and unless there is a more generous response from now on the success of the loan here will be questionable.

In the Fourth Loan as in the previous loans, that there are a very great number of persons perfectly able to buy bonds, but who did not do so, is of common knowledge. In the past these citizens have not been bothered about it, although their identity was a matter of record. This time, however, they will not escape serious embarrassment if they fail to come across.

A complete card system has been prepared, listing every citizen in the village who is employed under salary or wages. The financial condition of each has been carefully investigated. If he has not subscribed for bonds to the extent of his ability before the end of this week, he will receive a call that he will not be likely to ignore. Without mincing matters in the least, it is the purpose to use the "strong arm" against any and all who have not dug up for the Fourth Liberty Loan.

The local Boy Scouts' part in furthering the loan began Wednesday morning and the boys have been actively on the job since. The previous evening a meeting of the Scouts was held at the M. E. church, at which were present a number of visitors, to lay out a plan of work for their drive. The boys' campaign ends Saturday night.

During the week the Medina Machine Co. became a 100% shop, thru the good offices of Supt. R. D. Fildes, assisted by Mr. J. E. Thatcher and Mr. C. L. Kohler, who prevailed upon each employee to become a bondholder, the bonds being purchased thru the Woman's Liberty Bond Committee. In the third loan 98% of the Machine Co.'s employees were buyers of bonds.

Few public Liberty Loan meetings will be held during the campaign. There is one, however, scheduled for Valley City on Saturday night of this week at the town hall, to be addressed by Judge C. A. Weiser of Wooster. Judge Weiser is one of Uncle Sam's intensely loyal subjects and will present the loan question in a forceful manner.

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EXCITING EXPERIENCE OF SEVILLE BOY IN RUSSIA

Donald Lowrie, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Lowrie of Seville, who for the past two years has been engaged in Y. M. C. A. work in Russia, has had some exciting experiences during the past few months and, according to press dispatches, has been in some rather tight places.

With three other Y. M. C. A. secretaries Lowrie was arrested by the Bolsheviks last summer when they attempted to leave for Siberia. Later they escaped and went to Stockholm. Within the past week Lowrie and his companions have received a cablegram from the State Department ordering the party to reenter Russia thru Archangel, to help maintain friendly relations between Russians and the allied nations.

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ANNUAL MEETING

Officers, trustees and others to the number of about fifty were present Thursday at the annual meeting of the Sophia Huntington-Parker Home for Aged Pythian Sisters, at which time new officers were elected for the following year, but the result of the election could not be obtained in time for publication this week. Among those present were Grand Chief Ella Needman of Cincinnati, President Hattie Mott of Cleveland, Mary Smith of St. Mary's, Lillian Howard of Lancaster, Della Vorhis of Cincinnati, Ruth Arnold of Toledo, Mollie Kellar of Dennison, Orpha Reiman of Wooster, Effie Davis of Columbus, Jeanette Meek of Fostoria and Stella Hunt of Springfield, the last nine being trustees. Jeanette Bell of Cleveland, secretary, was also present. Dinner was served.

How's Your Bond Fist?



STATE AID MEETINGS FOR MEDINA COUNTY

The Ohio State University Extension Department have awarded a number of state aid meetings for Medina county this winter. There are to be the usual number of state aid institutes and a one week extension school.

The institutes are more or less local in interest, but the extension school should appeal to the entire county. There will be a five-day session for both the men and women. Three instructors from the State University will discuss subjects pertaining to livestock, crops and soils problems. These men are from the regular teaching staff and will provide the most recent information along their respective lines.

Two ladies are to give the instruction in home economics. As with the men, these ladies will be from the teaching staff of the State University. This opportunity should not be neglected by any ladies who can possibly attend.

The schools will be held at Brunswick from December 16 to 20. Keep that date open and attend this week of instruction if at all possible to do so.

The State Aid institutes have been awarded to the following places: Valley City, January 13-14; Montville, January 15-16; Lodi, February 10-11; Granger, February 14-15; Spencer, February 21-22.

Local people should place these dates on their calendars and arrange to attend the meetings. An excellent class of speakers has been provided by the state and there is great opportunity for profit by their experience.

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MANY SEE TROPHY TRAIN

A number of Medina citizens went to Lodi Thursday morning to see Uncle Sam's special war trophy train, which is making an extensive itinerary of the country under the auspices of the U. S. Railroad administration and Treasury Department. The train was loaded with booty captured from fleeing German armies—instruments and accoutrements of hellish German warfare. Lodi was the only place in Medina county where the train stopped and an immense crowd of people from all over the county assembled in Lodi for the unusual and remarkable sight. The train arrived in Lodi at 7:45 a. m. and left at 10, during which time Lodi business places were closed.

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GIFTS FOR "OVER THERE"

Christmas cartons for soldiers and sailors overseas will not be accepted by the postoffice department after Nov. 20. Cartons in which the presents are to be sent can be obtained from the Red Cross.

Labels for cartons will be given to the soldiers by their company commanders, each soldier being given but one label, which he will send to the person from whom he expects a present.

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JUDGE'S SON PRISONER

Judge R. M. Wanamaker, of the state supreme court, received a card from his son, Lieut. Walter Wanamaker, stating that he is held a prisoner in Germany and that his injury consists of a broken leg. This is the first direct word Judge Wanamaker has received from his son since he was reported missing after an air engagement over the German lines early in August.

DAVID WESTLAND WOUNDED IN ACTION

David Westland, for five or six years in the employ of Contractor Geo. Mellert, with whom he also made his home, lost his life in action in France on Sept. 2, according to an official telegram received by the deceased's mother, who resides in Hinckley, last Friday. The father is not living. A brother, Louis Westland, likewise has worked for Mr. Mellert for a number of years, and makes his home with him at the present time. Mr. Mellert has frequently received letters from David since the latter's arrival overseas, the last one arriving about six weeks ago, in which he reported himself as well. The circumstances attending Mr. Westland's death, of course, have not been learned.

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INFIRMARY ANNUAL REPORT

Following is from the annual report of the Infirmary of Medina county to the Ohio Board of State Charities, for the year ending the first Monday in September, 1918:

Number inmates at beginning of fiscal year, 60; number received during year, 25; total population during year, 85; 57 males, 28 females; number discharged during year 13; number died 8; number sent to state institution 1; number remaining at close of year 63. Expenditures: Total salaries and wages to superintendent and assistants for year, \$3,647.97; total ordinary expenses, exclusive of salaries and wages, \$6,561.31; total current expenses, \$10,209.28.

Receipts: From sale of farm produce and stock, \$4,833.62; from inmates or their friends, \$1,211.56; from all other sources (not from county treasury), \$415.50; total receipts, \$6,460.68.

Average cost per annum for each inmate, 61.29.

Total number acres of land belonging to poor farm, 383; acres improved, 3275.

Inventory: Estimated value of land last year, \$30,000; this year \$38,000; buildings, last year, \$42,000; this year, \$45,000; furniture, last year, \$3,000; this year, \$3,500; machinery, \$5,000 each year; live stock last year, \$2,000; this year, \$3,775; implements, tools and other property, last year, \$8550; this year, \$9,000; total inventory last year, \$90,550; total this year, \$109,275.

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CRESTON BOY REPORTED SERIOUSLY WOUNDED

Among the list of casualties reported Monday appeared the name of Earl Shisler of Creston, who was badly wounded in action in France. Shisler is an orphan boy of Creston, who resided with Jay Finley, his brother-in-law, between Creston and Madisonburg.

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NEW DUTY FOR CLERKS

County clerks and other county and township officials, already serving the government as agents to license persons handling explosives, Saturday were assigned a new federal duty, that of witnessing applications for platinum, iridium and palladium licenses.

Hereafter platinum, iridium and palladium or compounds thereof, cannot be used for any purpose without licenses obtained from the platinum section of the war industries board, thru application to county clerks. The clerks will not actually issue the licenses.

There is a penalty of \$5,000 for violations of the new regulations.

SUGAR CARD SUCCESSFUL SAY COUNTY GROCERS

At the last meeting of the Medina County Grocers association held in Wadsworth, it was the sense of the association that the sugar card system be kept in operation for an indefinite length of time. This card adopted at the August meeting has proved of so much value in not only securing an equitable distribution of sugar in Medina county, but has also solved the problem of the dealers securing an adequate supply. In a number of the counties, where the cards were not in use, it was reported at this meeting that a few people got all the sugar and the rest went without.

These cards are furnished to all the residents of the county and the expense is borne by the grocers of the county. While the card is sanctioned by the County Food Administrator, L. H. Randall, the funds to provide it are entirely separate from the public funds and all the work and time given by Mr. Randall has been donated to the association, outside of his food administration duties.

To those residents of the county who have sugar cards, it will not be necessary for them to register to get a new card. These will be mailed out about the 20th of this month. If you are a newcomer in the county it will be necessary to register as the rule "no card, no sugar" will be rigidly enforced. The public are asked to cooperate in the future as willingly and as cheerfully as in the past.

However, it will be necessary to get all the sugar on the old card this month, as no sugar will be issued in November on the cards now in use.

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DRASTIC MEASURE TO BLOCK "FLU"

SCHOOLS, CHURCHES, S. S. AND THEATER CLOSED

Health Officer Issues Order as a Precaution, Not Thru Fear of Epidemic

An epidemic of influenza has been spreading thruout the state for the past two weeks, manifesting itself in the camps to an alarming extent, and more or less in the various communities. Many cases have been reported in neighboring counties to Medina, and during the past week or more several cases have shown up in the village.

As a precautionary measure against the disease gaining a firm foothold here, Health Officer F. L. Harding Thursday morning issued an order closing the schools, Sunday schools, churches and theater for an indefinite period beginning this, Friday, morning. With the order is the suggestion that parents keep their children at home during the period of the closing order.

There was to have been a commemorative service for Courtney Lawrence next Sunday afternoon at St. Paul's church, but this must be postponed until some future date, which will be announced at the proper time. Mr. Lawrence was a Medina boy who lost his life in battle in France on April 1 of this year.

The order of the health officer will not, however, operate with respect to the Liberty Loan celebration in Medina next Tuesday afternoon and evening, it being an open-air meeting.

Local physicians have been working overtime the past week on cases some of which they report to be influenza, while many others appear to be only severe colds, the incipency of which resembles influenza.

Wadsworth and Seville schools have been closed because of the disease, and other schools are expected to follow suit soon.

There is no immediate cause for alarm here, say the doctors and Health Officer Harding says his action was taken wholly as a precautionary measure, and not because of an immediate fear of an epidemic.

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BOARD DISCUSSES GAS AND MARSHAL QUESTIONS

The Board of Trade held a meeting in the town hall last Thursday night, at which the gas raise question now before council was discussed, but no action taken, it being the opinion of those present that the recommendation which will be given by the public utilities commission will be satisfactory.

The committee which had been ordered to investigate methods used in conducting credit associations in other towns with a view of establishing one in Medina, reported that the work would cost about a thousand dollars the first year. Doubt was expressed by some of the members present as to the feasibility of the plan in Medina, but the committee was instructed to interview each business house to find out if it is possible to raise the amount needed for the work.

Dissatisfaction was expressed over the present policing facilities of the village, Nightwatchman Hange at present holding down the position of nightwatch for the business men and that of marshal for the village. It was decided to raise Mr. Hange's salary as business men's nightwatch from \$100 to \$125 a month and ask council to make a separate appointment for village marshal.

SUDDEN DEATH OF MRS. CHAS. H. IPER

STRICKEN WHEN SEEMINGLY IN GOOD HEALTH

Paralysis and Apoplexy Causes of Unfortunate Woman's Demise

Mrs. Mabel E. Iper, wife of Charles H. Iper, died Wednesday of this week at mid-day, at her home, 136 West Union street, following an illness of but a few hours.

Mrs. Iper had been in good health apparently until about 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, when she complained to her husband of a severe pain in one of her limbs. At the time she was assisting Mr. Iper at his place of business on West Washington street. In a few moments her limb and one arm became useless and it was apparent that she had suffered a stroke of paralysis.

She was immediately conveyed to her home and for a few hours thereafter manifested signs of convalescence. At 8:30 o'clock, however, she sustained a stroke of apoplexy, which destroyed consciousness, to which she did not return, and passed away the following day at noon.

The deceased was a native of Medina township, where she was born July 17, 1886, her exact age being 32 years, 3 months and 22 days. Besides the husband there survive the aged parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Rorke of West North street, two sisters, Mrs. Maude Powers of Akron and Miss Genevieve Rorke of Ravenna, and one brother, George E. Rorke of Akron.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday of this week from the home, and burial made in Spring Grove cemetery.

The deceased was a singularly industrious woman, finding time from the duties of her home to be of regular assistance to her husband in his business, and her naturally buoyant disposition is well known to the host of friends of which she was possessed. The sympathy of the community is with the bereaved family.

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COUNTY AGRICULTURAL CENSUS BEING MADE

The Medina County Farm Bureau are planning an agricultural survey of the county for the purpose of securing facts pertinent to the further cooperation of farmers and Farm Bureau. The immediate need of this information is to be able to state facts to the Agricultural Adviser of the District Draft Board in regard to the county and to individual cases.

A statement was prepared by a group of fifty farmers representing a major portion of the county, regarding the relative shortage of farm help at the present time. Following the forwarding of this statement a request was made for more additional data of the county.

The census blank that has been prepared asks information regarding the size of farm, crops raised and acreage, kind and amount of livestock, equipment, laborers employed, children in family and other necessary information. Many farmers not directly affected by the draft regulations will be asked to return this information. It is necessary that the Farm Bureau should know the conditions on all farms to be able to compile data that will truly represent conditions as they exist at the present time.

Cooperation of all the farmers is desired. The Bureau is endeavoring to secure material that can be used to the mutual advantage of every farmer in the county. It is facing strenuous times on the farms and must prepare in advance for them.

"We are all desirous of producing the needed foodstuffs," says County Agent Salisbury, "but we realize that a better apportionment of labor for the farm is badly needed to do this. If we can, through this information, keep some farms going that may be idle from loss of men it will be worth while. We want this to be our Medina county motto, 'Every farmer doing his part and his best.'"

"We want it understood that this information is not for the use of any individual who may desire to use it. It is for the purpose of knowing Medina County's Agricultural War Basis, and will be given out only to persons whose aid is being solicited by the government in this war work."

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REAL PROPERTY VALUES

An abstract of real property in Medina county for 1918, as equalized by the Board of Revision, shows:

Number acres of land, 261,306; value of lands, exclusive of buildings, \$18,073,995; average value per acre, \$69; value of buildings, \$4,779,155; value of municipal lots and lands, exclusive of buildings, \$1,963,630; value of municipal buildings, \$5,033,190; total value lands, lots, buildings, etc., as equalized by Board of Revision, \$24,877,500.

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MAY VOTE THO ABSENT

Any qualified elector who will be unavoidably absent from his home precinct, on November 5, may, by written application to the board of elections clerk between now and November 2, have mailed to him an absent voters' ballot, which he will mark and seal and return to the election board by whom it will be sent to his voting precinct to be deposited and counted.